

To:
The Huntingdon Urban District Council.

Gentlemen,

In accordance with a request from the Ministry of Health, I present an interim report upon the sanitary condition of the Borough of Huntingdon for the year 1940. All records are being carefully preserved in order that, after the termination of the War, a report can be made dealing more fully with the period from the beginning of 1939 to the end of the last complete year of the War.

GENERAL STATISTICS.

Area in acres.	2151 acres.
Resident Population.	5593
No. of inhabited houses at end of 1940.	1403.
Rateable Value.	£29,976. 0. 0.
Sum represented by a Penny Rate.	£ 121.19.10.

VITAL STATISTICS.

Births Registered.	Legitimate:	79.	M.41, F.38.
	Illegitimate:	4.	M. 2, F. 2.
	Total:	83.	
Stillbirths.		4.	M. 3, F. 1.
Birth Rate.		14.9	per 1000.
Birth Rate of England and Wales.		14.6	per 1000.
Deaths due to Childbirth.		Nil.	
Infantile Mortality.		2	under 1 year.
Deaths Registered.		57.	M.32, F.25.
			12 over 70)years
			12 over 80)of age.
Death Rate.		10.19	per 1000.
Death Rate of England and Wales.		14.3	per 1000.
Adjusted Death Rate.		8.66	per 1000.
(Comparability Factor is .85).			
Death Rate from Tuberculosis.		.71	per 1000.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

<u>No. of Cases Notified:</u>	
Scarlet Fever.	17. Increase.
Whooping Cough.	55.
Diphtheria.	2.
Erysipelas.	3.
Measles.	124.
Pneumonia.	8. Decrease.
Puerperal Pyrexia.	2. "

The Schools were not closed during the year for epidemics.

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Deaths from Infectious Diseases.

Cerebro-spinal fever.	1.
Diphtheria.	1.
Tuberculosis.	4.
Pneumonia.	2.

Deaths from Cancer. 14.

Building was slow during the year owing to the difficulty in obtaining materials, but some old houses were made habitable and a few new ones completed making an increase of 43 habitable houses.

There was a continuous and pure water supply.

The health of the Borough was very satisfactory.

CAUSES OF DEATH, 1940.

All Causes.	Males 32.	Females 25.
Cerebro-spinal Fever.	1	-
Diphtheria.	1	1
Tuberculosis of Respiratory System.	2	2
Influenza.	4	1
Cancer.	6	8
Intra-Cran: Vasc: Lesions.	1	3
Heart Disease.	5	8
Bronchitis.	2	1
Pneumonia.	2	1
Other Respiratory Diseases.	-	1
Ulcer of Stomach or Duodenum.	1	1
Other Digestive Disease.	-	1
Nephritis.	2	1
Congenital Malformation.	1	1
Suicide.	1	1
Road Traffic Accident.	1	1
All other causes.	2	2

Signed: *Chas. H. H. H.*

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Huntingdon U.D. Council.
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